



U.S. Army JROTC
Rio Salado College
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs

ONLINE-TEACHER PREPARATION DEGREE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

JOINT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) formally recognizes that Rio Salado College of Tempe, Arizona (RSC), the U.S. Army JROTC, and the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (UCCS) are partners in the implementation and delivery of the Online Teacher Preparation Education Program at the Associate of Arts Degree (AA) level, the baccalaureate degree and post baccalaureate degree levels.

The purpose of this MOU is to enter into a cooperative, no-cost arrangement, in accordance with the Department of Defense Instruction 4000.19, paragraph 4.5.2, for the operation of a distance learning program for instructors in the JROTC program. The purpose of this program is to provide JROTC instructors the opportunity to improve their educational level and obtain college degrees. Such improvements benefit the JROTC program by improving the quality of instructors and the instruction itself. The impetus for this program is the No Child Left Behind Act, Public Law No. 107-110, and in particular Section 1119.

Partnership Elements

Rio Salado College will:

1. Provide an online associate of arts degree and online post-baccalaureate teacher preparation program to candidates identified by RSC, UCCS and/or the U.S. Army ROTC. Courses will be offered online at the RSC out-of-state tuition rate to non-Arizona residents and in-state tuition for Arizona residents. The RSC online teacher education programs in elementary, secondary, and special education shall be approved by the Arizona Department of Education. A middle school endorsement is also available.

2. Work to establish an educational partnership with a regionally accredited post secondary institution that will accept 90 college credits in transfer from RSC to be applied to a Baccalaureate Degree with a concentration in Elementary Education or Secondary Education.
3. Compile and assess information regarding admission, transfer, matriculation, and program completion of students identified by UCCS.
4. Register and place RSC teacher preparation students in the RSC partnership database.
5. Maintain student records and recommend candidates for licensure as required by the appropriate Arizona state agency. Only students, who successfully complete the entire program, including student teaching, qualify for the recommendation.
6. Accept up to ten (10) semester hours of the teacher education program credit from UCCS towards completion of the post-baccalaureate teacher licensure program or associate's degree.
7. RSC maintains the performance-based standards process required by Arizona for an approved teacher education program. Individuals, who complete the RSC program and obtain the Arizona teaching credential, may seek reciprocity to another state.
8. Develop and distribute promotional literature and establish a website to recruit students to the RSC/UCCS online teacher education licensure program.

UCCS Partnership Elements

The University of Colorado at Colorado Springs will:

1. Advise and counsel JROTC individuals, who possess a baccalaureate degree, complete the approved JROTC online courses and enroll in the Rio Salado teacher licensure program.
2. Recommend JROTC individuals who seek an online associate degree in teacher education to RSC.
3. Provide ten (10) semester hours of teacher education credit to RSC for all who complete the online U.S. Army JROTC training coursework. Coursework that may be transferred to RSC include: T ED300/500-3 Contemporary American Education, T ED452/552-2-4 Educational Psychology, and T ED301/501-1-3 Early School Experience will transfer to Rio Salado's teacher licensure and/or associate degree programs.
4. Provide candidate information and other appropriate data to the Rio Salado College database including performance-based assessment documentation.

5. Obtain permission for students that covers both UCCS and RSC following the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) for requested tracking data such as course completion and grades per statutory reference 20 USC § 1232g.
6. Support the teacher education partnership to JROTC candidates and other prospective degree and/or licensure candidates.
7. Develop and distribute promotional materials to JROTC members to extend program goals and enhance enrollment.
8. Provide site-based coordination for student field based/practicum experiences located in Colorado.

U.S. Army JROTC Partnership Elements

U.S. Army JROTC will:

1. Support and promote the partnership with RSC and UCCS to prospective associate degree and licensure candidates and post baccalaureate teacher preparation students by distributing promotional literature and facilitating advisement.
2. Coordinate the resident and online Junior ROTC School of Cadet Command Professional Development Course (JSOCC PDC) with UCCS to allow students the opportunity to earn up to ten (10) semester hours towards teacher licensure, and associate degree programs. UCCS will coordinate with Rio Salado College for program requirements for each licensure area.
3. Provide the JROTC instructors the opportunity to work toward teacher licensure by offering information concerning educational opportunities and the availability of this partnership program and other appropriate teacher education programs through command channels with the understanding that it is voluntary.
4. Allow RSC and UCCS to use all U.S. Army JROTC copyrighted materials in their online teacher preparation program provided both institutions work out an agreement regarding compensation for their use.

Joint Partnership Obligations

Rio Salado College, U.S. Army JROTC, and University of Colorado at Colorado Springs agree to:

1. Provide linkage between their individual web sites to facilitate recruitment, advisement, and program information. The U.S. Army JROTC provides this link for the convenience of

users only and does not endorse the organization or site so linked and does not exercise responsibility over the content of the destination site.

2. Facilitate the electronic exchange of data and other information that will contribute to the enhancement and improvement of this MOU and promote effective cooperation between the participating parties.

Length of the Agreement

This MOU exists in perpetuity or until it is modified or discontinued by any one of the partners. Modifications to this MOU may take place and initiated with the approval of the other partners. Such modification shall be enacted upon mutual consent. Submitting written notification to the other partners one-year prior to the termination date in order to protect students, faculty, and other interested parties may discontinue the MOU.

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